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Provo Center Street Interchange Reopens after 90-day Closure

New interchange ramps, realigned Center Street constructed as part of I-15 CORE.

LEHI, Utah (Nov. 21, 2011) — UDOT's Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion project announced today the Provo Center Street interchange is now open after a 90-day closure. All on- and off-ramps at the interchange, as well as both directions of Center Street are now available for drivers.

"Reopening the interchange and restoring this important east-west connection for Provo residents before the busy holiday season has been a priority for our team," said Todd Jensen, UDOT I-15 CORE project director. "We want to thank the local residents and businesses for their patience during construction. By combining closures, we were able to reduce overall delays, complete substantial work at the interchange and reopen it in time for the holidays."

Since August, when the southbound off-ramp at Center Street was closed, crews have constructed a new flyover bridge over I-15 for eastbound Center Street; rebuilt the southbound on- and off-ramps; shifted traffic onto two new Center Street bridges over the Union Pacific and UTA railroad tracks; and realigned westbound Provo Center Street under I-15. The new interchange design, a result of collaboration between UDOT and Provo City, will meet future traffic needs while also accommodating the city's development plans.

To date, approximately 70 percent of the necessary work has been completed at the interchange. In the spring, crews will finish reconstructing the northbound I-15 on- and off-ramps at Center Street, as well as widening the freeway and placing new concrete pavement. Closures of the northbound on- and off-ramps will take place at that time.

A YouTube animation to help drivers learn how to navigate the new Provo Center Street interchange can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/rr0eF03mU-w>. Drivers can stay informed about this and other I-15 CORE construction activities by signing up for weekly email updates at udot.utah.gov/i15core, following the project on [facebook.com/i15core](https://www.facebook.com/i15core) and twitter.com/i15core and receiving text updates by texting "i15core" to 53535.

The Provo Center Street interchange is one of 10 freeway interchanges being rebuilt or replaced as part of I-15 CORE. The entire freeway is being rebuilt from Lehi to Spanish Fork, a distance of 24 miles, using new 40-year concrete pavement. I-15 CORE is on schedule for completion in December 2012.